

Empowering Women: Building Community

Frequently Asked Questions

What is International Women's Day?

International Women's Day is officially celebrated on March 8 every year to recognize women's achievements throughout history and across nations. It is also known as the United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace. <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

International Women's Day Celebration in Boise is the result of collaborative work among valley organizations: Soroptimist International of Boise, Soroptimist International of Garden City, Women's & Children's Alliance, 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine, Girl Scouts - Silver Sage Council, Idaho Central Health District (WIC), St. Luke's, the Downtown Boise Association (DBA) and the Idaho Wine Commission.

What is the DBA?

The Downtown Boise Association (DBA) is a non-profit 501(c)6 Corporation that manages the downtown Boise Business Improvement District (BID). DBA organizes downtown events such as Alive After Five, Jazz on the Grove, and the Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration, "First Thursday" and "Christmas in the City", and the Twilight Criterium. DBA coordinates the Downtown Boise Giftcard - valid at more than 250 locations downtown including public parking garages. They work to make sure downtown is the Shopping, Dining, Arts and Entertainment destination for the Treasure Valley and beyond! Stay in touch online at www.DowntownBoise.org

What is First Thursday?

First Thursday takes place on the first Thursday of each month, throughout downtown Boise, offering downtown visitors the chance to stroll through unique shops and galleries, while enjoying in-store entertainment and special events. Downtown businesses will be hosting participating non-profit organizations who will share information regarding their service, fundraising, and awareness activities that support women and girls throughout the community.

How to I participate in the International Women's Day Celebration?

Maps and passports can be downloaded at <http://www.facebook.com/BoiseIWD> or <http://www.211.idaho.gov/IWD.html>. Any participating host/nonprofit will also have a supply of maps and passports. Visit with area non-profits to learn how they support women and girls. An "Empowering Women – Building Community" passport will take you to each site where you can collect a unique stamp. QR Codes at each site will also provide suggestions for next stops. When you are done for the evening turn your stamps into door prize tickets by visiting the Gamekeeper/Owhyee Plaza or Twig's Cellars -- as follows:

- 4 Stamps – Novice – 1 entry
- 8 Stamps – Supporter – 2 entries
- 12 Stamps – Super Supporter – 4 entries

Tickets must be turned in by 9:00 PM on March 1 to be eligible for the door prize drawings. A list of door prizes will be available at each host/non-profit site.

For more information, maps and passports go to <http://www.facebook.com/BoiseIWD> or contact Shirley Biladeau at shirley@spmail.net (208-890-5157)